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WHEREAS, We Americans have a long tradition of sharing what we have with those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Nowhere is that tradition more splendidly honored than in the gift of blood, which is literally the gift of life; and,

WHEREAS, For a child with cancer, a youthful accident victim, an older citizen whose kidneys have stopped functioning or who must undergo a major operation, and for millions of Americans each and every year, life depends on the generosity of others; and,

WHEREAS, Medical science has made miraculous progress in disease prevention and treatment. We can now save lives that, only a few years ago, would have been lost to cancer, heart disease, devastating accidents, and to the premature wearing out of vital organs and tissues; and,

WHEREAS, We must never forget that much of this scientific gain would be useless if the suffering and the ill did not have access to the contribution that only people can make: the blood and blood products that still constitute the greatest life-saving miracle of all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim The Month of January, 1985, as

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge people everywhere to join me in saying a heartfelt "thanks" to our fellow countrymen and women who give their blood for the sake of others, and let me call on each of you to sign up for one of the greatest acts of charity that any human being can make - the gift of blood.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eightcenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

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ALTOE KUMBERT, SECRETARY OF STATE